



# Magistrates' Courts Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 43

### PART I

#### CRIMINAL JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE

##### *Jurisdiction to issue process and deal with charges*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>2 Trial of summary offences

- (1) A magistrates' court has jurisdiction to try any summary offence.
- (2) A magistrates' court has jurisdiction as examining justices over any offence committed by a person who appears or is brought before the court.
- (3) Subject to—
  - (a) sections 18 to 22, and
  - (b) any other enactment (wherever contained) relating to the mode of trial of offences triable either way,a magistrates' court has jurisdiction to try summarily any offence which is triable either way.
- (4) A magistrates' court has jurisdiction, in the exercise of its powers under section 24, to try summarily an indictable offence.
- (5) This section does not affect any jurisdiction over offences conferred on a magistrates' court by any enactment not contained in this Act.]

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#### Textual Amendments

**F1** S. 2 substituted (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), **ss. 44, 110**; [S.I. 2005/910](#), **art. 3(p)**

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/04/2005. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.